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## WATER SHORTAGE IN BUDAPEST; BUILD NEW RESERVOIRS

SEVERE DROUGHT CAUSES SHORTAGE -- Budapest, Magyar Nemzet, 19 Aug 52

For 8 consecutive weeks, a severe drought accompanied by a heat wave has prevailed in Budapest and resulted in a water shortage. Because of the unusual weather conditions, the populace consumed 80 million liters of water more than during the summer of 1951.

Apart from local water shortages, the municipal waterworks was successful in securing sufficient water for Budapest. However, on 15 August 1952, the water level of the Kobanya reservoir, which supplies the southeast part of Budapest became dangerously low. Despite the greatest efforts of the Kaposztasmegyer pumps, the level of the Kobanya reservoir remained alarmingly low. Fast action, such as the temporary closing of a few basins, insured a sufficient supply for Kobanya and the industrial establishments located in the southeast part of Budapest.

NEW RESERVOIRS NEAR BUDAPEST -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 3 Aug 52

To insure sufficient supply for the increasing water consumption of Budapest and its vicinity, the municipal waterworks has begun the construction of new reservoirs.

The reservoirs at Rakospalota, Lorinc, and in the seventeenth district of Budapest will be completed in 1952. They will provide for the water consumption of approximately 20,000 persons.

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